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SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY INCREASES RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITMENT FIVEFOLD

SANTA CLARA, Calif. – July 19, 2007 – Silicon Valley Power (SVP), the City of Santa Clara's municipal electric utility, applauds Santa Clara University's (SCU) new commitment to clean energy through Santa Clara Green Power, SVP's 100 percent renewable energy program. SCU's latest purchase raises its investment in the program by five times to 8,040 megawatt-hours (MWhs) of clean renewable energy, derived from new wind and solar generation sources in California. This is equivalent to the annual output of two and a half large-scale wind turbines.

"The University's purchase reaffirms its dedication to the environment and our community," says Joyce Kinnear, Public Benefits Program Manager for SVP. "The community looks to the University for leadership, and increasing its commitment to renewable energy through our local offering demonstrates that they take this leadership role seriously. Hopefully, businesses and households in Santa Clara will follow their lead."

The increased commitment level, making the University the second largest among SVP's clean energy supporters, prevents the emission of more than 3,206 tons of carbon dioxide annually. The environmental benefit of a purchase this size is equivalent to planting 2,671 acres of trees or removing 694 cars from the road per year.

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“The University is thrilled that its environmental goals can be reached through a local community program,” says Joe Sugg, Assistant Vice President for University Operations. “The Santa Clara Green Power program presents the community with a wonderful opportunity to reduce its environmental impact by supporting clean, renewable energy. With our increased commitment, SCU intends to set a higher standard for environmental leadership.”

SCU has a strong commitment to the environment through green power and many other efforts. As an example, a team of SCU students has been chosen by the U.S. Department of Energy to participate in the 2007 Solar Decathlon, a competition in which colleges and universities from around the world design, build, and operate energy-efficient, solar-powered homes. SCU is one of only 20 institutions (and the only campus west of the Rockies) to participate in this challenge. SVP was an early contributor to SCU’s entry into the Decathlon.

SVP will purchase renewable energy credits on behalf of the University from newly constructed wind farms and solar photovoltaic projects located within California. A portion of SCU’s Santa Clara Green Power rate will support new solar systems on facilities in the City of Santa Clara, such as Haman Elementary School and the Valley Village Retirement Community.

About Silicon Valley Power

Silicon Valley Power is the trademark adopted for use by the century-old Electric Department of the City of Santa Clara, California. SVP provides power to more than 50,000 customers, including Applied Materials, Intel, National Semiconductor and Yahoo!, at rates 25 to 45 percent below neighboring communities. SVP also offers customers a 100 percent renewable energy option through its **Santa Clara Green Power** program and is an active participant in the wholesale energy markets in the Western United States. Visit www.siliconvalleypower.com for more information.

About Santa Clara Green Power

Santa Clara Green Power is a voluntary renewable energy program offered by Silicon Valley Power to all of its residential, commercial and industrial customers as a way to support energy generated from 100 percent clean wind and solar power resources at a low additional cost of 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. Santa Clara utility customers can enroll in **Santa Clara Green Power** by signing up through the secure website at www.siliconvalleypower.com; sending an email that includes the customer's name, address, account and phone number to green@siliconvalleypower.com; or by calling (408) 244-SAVE (7283).

About Santa Clara University

Santa Clara University, a comprehensive Jesuit, Catholic university located 40 miles south of San Francisco in California’s Silicon Valley, offers its 8,377 students rigorous undergraduate curricula in arts and sciences, business, and engineering, plus master’s and law degrees and engineering Ph.D’s. Distinguished nationally by one of the highest graduation rates among all U.S. masters’ universities, California’s oldest operating higher-education institution demonstrates faith-inspired values of ethics and social justice. For more information, see www.scu.edu.